



Boise State International Insider News for International Students

November 10, 2011

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:00pm: Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm: "TEA" Time (Thursday English Afternoons), in the Boise State Writing Center. Come to the Writing Center to practice your English as we chat, play games, make friends and, of course, enjoy delightful treats!

November 10th, 5:00pm: International Student Association nominations meeting. *(see pg 2)*

November 11th, 5:00 to 5:45pm: International Student Association officer elections. *(see pg 2)*

November 14th - 18th: International Education Week. Plan to visit the SUB and participate in the events. *(See flier on pg 3 for schedule of events)*

November 19th, 4:00pm: **SAVE THE DATE!** ISS Thanksgiving Dinner. Please contact ISS to reserve your spot. *(More details below)*

November 21st, 1:00pm: "Spice Route" shopping tour. *(Please see details below)*

December 2nd, 3:00 to 5:00pm: OPT Workshop in the Student Diversity Center. *(Please see details on pg 2.)*

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join ISS for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 19th, in the Simplot Ballroom. The festivities will start at 4:00pm. This event is open to all students, family and friends. Come and enjoy the food, music and live entertainment. There is no charge, but please call 426-3652 or email internationalinfo@boisestate.edu to let us know you plan to attend.



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~Spice Route Van~

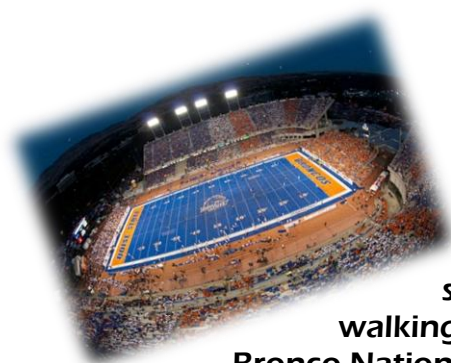
November 21 at 1 PM

International Student Services will provide "Spice Route" van service to "hard to reach" area ethnic markets and grocery stores to help you prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday or to simply give you an opportunity to buy spices, sauces and other food items you need to make steamy, yummy-yummy "home food."

Please RSVP your intention to join us by Nov. 10th at noon by emailing Monk at stevenwells@boisestate.edu.

We will depart the SUB at 1 PM. Please meet the van at the SUB's main entrance on University Drive at 12:45 PM.

International Students wanted for the half time show at a Bronco football game!



International students have been invited to participate in the half time show on November 26th, when the Broncos play Wyoming. Boise State wants to highlight the diverse group of students we have from all over the world. The show will include walking out onto the football field carrying your country's flag and/or a Bronco Nation flag. You can wear traditional clothing, if you like. If you would like to participate, please email Christy at cbabcoc@boisestate.edu. Space is limited, and we need a commitment from anyone who wants to participate.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you *must* attend an OPT Workshop. This is the last opportunity to attend a workshop for this semester.

December 2, 3:00 to 5:00pm

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$380.00 payable to CIS. Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for this workshop, which will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

International Student Services and World Cup of Tea Friendship Program



Pre-Finals

"Sooth Your Soul Plenty"

Pot-Luck

**Evening mealtime mantra
(Before the finals onslaught):**

"A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent upon arriving." Lao Tzu

Attire: Thoughtful, friendly, relaxed, pluralistic, campus-cozy, library lizard.

**Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6 PM
Student Diversity Center**

What to bring? Bring that yummy, memorable entrée that you know expresses you...
We can hardly wait to find out what food you are!

Time to shop the Spice Route, cousins!

International Student Association Officer Election Meetings

Please come to the Student Diversity Center (2nd floor of SUB, office of ISS) for two different meetings. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, November 10 at 5 PM for nominating candidates**. If you wish to run for an ISA officer position you or someone you know needs to come to the meeting to nominate you.

A voting meeting will be held on Friday, November 11, from 5 PM to 5:45 PM at the same place. Food and drinks will be provided at the voting meeting. No votes will be accepted before or after the voting meeting. Only registered Boise State students are eligible to vote. Staff members from the Student Involvement and Leadership Center will be available to count the votes for us.

INTERNATIONAL Education Week

November
14th-18th

Join Boise State's celebration of culture & internationalization. Enjoy international dishes in the Boise River Cafe all week. Vote for your favorite picture in the Study Abroad Photo Contest at the SUB Info Booth.

MON • November 14th

2:40p.m -4:30p.m. Music from around the World, *Brava Stage*
5:30p.m -6:30p.m. Henna Hand Painting, *SUB Info Booth*

TUE • November 15th

9:00a.m -11:00a.m. Latin Poems and Gregorian Chants, *Brava Stage*
11:00a.m -12:30p.m. Henna Hand Painting, *SUB Info Booth*
11:00a.m -2:00p.m. Traditional Korean Clothing & Greetings, *Brava Stage*
11:00a.m -2:00p.m. Chinese Calligraphy, *SUB Info Booth*
1:30p.m -4:00p.m. Japanese paper cranes, Momiji Tree, & Greetings, *SUB Info Booth*
1:30p.m -4:30p.m. Apply for a US Passport, *Academic & Career Services, Rm 114*
Make an Appointment at 426-2630
3:30p.m -5:30p.m. French Film: "L'arnacoeur", *Brink Room*

WED • November 16th

8:40a.m -10:30a.m. "What you should know about my country", *Brava Stage*
10:40a.m -12:30p.m. Ask about my experiences studying in the US, *Brava Stage*
12:40p.m -1:30p.m. Mini language lessons in Spanish & Basque, *Brava Stage*
2:40p.m -3:30p.m. Test your international cultural knowledge, *SUB Atrium*
3:30p.m -5:30p.m. German Film, "Schulze Gets the Blues", *Hatch Ballroom B*
6:00p.m -8:00p.m. Global Harmony: Learn about instruments from around the world!, *Jordan A*
Experiment with instruments & discover the influence they have on culture & identity.

THU • November 17th

9:00a.m -6:00p.m. Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer, *SUB Info Booth*
12:30p.m -1:30p.m. My language is different from your language, *Brava Stage*

FRI • November 18th

11:00a.m -1:00p.m. Documentary: Four Women of Egypt, *Brink Room*
How do we get along when our views collide? With the goal of human dignity and social justice, four very different women take on this challenge to redefine tolerance.
12:40p.m -2:30p.m. International Cultural Fair, *Brava Stage*
2:00p.m -3:00p.m. Henna Hand Painting, *SUB Info Booth*

For accommodations please contact International Student Services at (208) 426-3652.



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Facebook "Upgrade"

We are not using our original ISS page on Facebook.

It has been replaced with a new page:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Boise-State-International-Students/219242991458835>

Stay connected by logging onto Facebook and checking out the new page.

Please "like" the new site so that you can get quick and regular updates about ISS events and activities. Please send us some pictures that we can add to our new page!

WE WANT YOU!

International students are invited to participate in “Holidays Around the World,” sponsored by International Student Services (ISS). This fun-filled celebration will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in the Jordan Ballroom.

The Ballroom will be arranged “street fair” style. We would like to offer you booth space to present the traditions, crafts, games, decorations, etc., from an important holiday in your culture. This can be any holiday, not necessarily a winter holiday. Past examples include face-painting, ornament decoration, writing children’s names in different languages, etc. Our goal is to provide a family-friendly, interactive experience for the Boise community. The guests will be given a passport to fill with stamps (stickers!) as they go from booth to booth. ISS will assist you in purchasing the supplies you need for your booth activity. We will also provide the passport stickers.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or reserving a booth for this event, please contact ISS at 426-3652 or email us at InternationalInfo@boisestate.edu.

Dear Graduating Students,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Boise State!! Since you are international students, you may wear a special sash during the graduation ceremony representing your home country. The picture on the right shows students wearing the sashes.

Sashes are \$29 and you can order them in the International Learning Opportunities office. We are located in room 114 of the Academic and Career Services building (on the corner of University and Bronco Circle - east side of the SUB). There is a sign-up sheet on the front desk. We can only accept checks or money orders, or cash in the exact amount - *no change available*.



The deadline for orders is Friday, November 18th.

You can also order directly through Visionwear, but it will cost an extra \$9. If you would like to see what most of the sashes look like, check out Visionwear's website.

<http://www.visionwear.com/index.html>. Call 426-2630 if you have any questions.

Does your resume pass the 30-second test? Visit the Career Center and find out.

Beginning November 8th, the center is offering walk-in assistance from 2 - 4 p.m. on days when class is in session. Students are invited to get a 15-minute resume critique or have a quick job-search question answered. Services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional assistance, schedule an appointment at 426-1747. The Career Center is located in the Academic and Career Services Building across the street from the Rec Center.



The **Boise State International Insider** is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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